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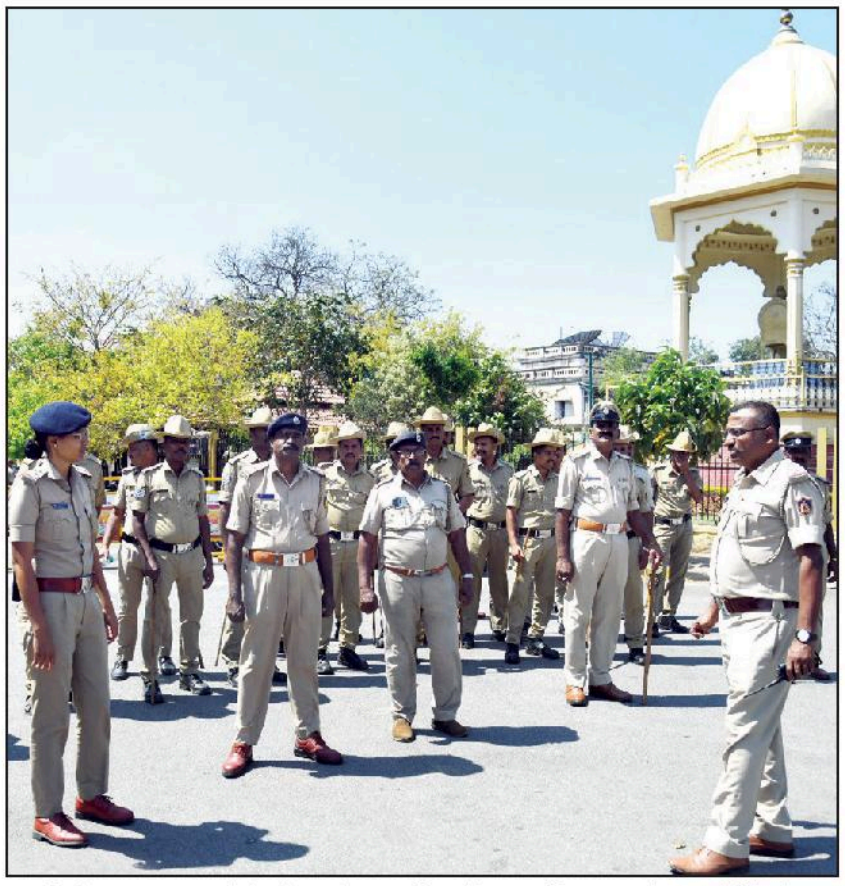
Attack on Udayagiri Police Station

Mysuru Chalo

- **HC grants permission to Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi for peaceful protest**
- **R. Ashoka and other top BJP leaders meet at private hotel in city to chalk out rally plans**
- **'Mysuru Chalo' to be staged at Maharaja's College Football Grounds later today**



Police personnel deployed near Gun House (Basaveshwara) Circle.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (MTY&BCT)- Following the imposition of prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), from midnight on Feb. 23 to midnight on Feb. 24, banning all public gatherings, meetings and processions, the BJP-backed Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi approached the Karnataka High Court (HC) this morning.

Hearing the petition, the HC Single-Judge Bench led by Justice R. Devdas allowed the conduct of a peaceful rally after 3.30 pm at Maharaja's College Football Grounds. The petitioners argued that the prohibitory orders violated their democratic right to protest, accusing the Police of high-handedness and a dictatorial attitude.

While permitting the rally, Justice Devdas stated that the organisers would be held responsible if any untoward incidents occurred during the event. The Court mandated that the rally proceedings be fully video-recorded, with the organisers accountable for maintaining peace.

The Court also directed the Mysuru City Police Commissioner to facilitate the rally while ensuring adequate security measures. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the organisers were asked to deposit Rs. 1 lakh and to conduct the protests in an open area.

Soon after the Court issued orders, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, BJP City President L. Nagendra, former MP Prathap Simha and other leaders met at a private hotel near the entry point to Mysuru city on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway to chalk out the rally plans.

Ashoka flays ban orders

Meanwhile, condemning the prohibitory orders, R. Ashoka accused the Congress Government of suppressing the planned protest for political gains.

He stated, "We are not afraid of anything," emphasising BJP's resolve as the party awaits the High Court's verdict on the petition challenging the ban.

"The sole intention of Congress is vote-bank politics and they can stoop to any level. The Udayagiri incident is just a sample. Law and Order will further deteriorate under the Congress rule. We want this Government to go," he added.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 24th February 2025

Tribunal halts selection process for 384 Gazetted Probationers

Bengaluru, Feb. 24 (KMS& DM)- The Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KSAT) has issued an interim stay on the selection process for the appointment of 384 Gazetted Probationers for the year 2023-24.

The KSAT Bench, comprising Judicial Member S.Y. Vatavati and Administrative Member Amitha Prasad, issued the stay order while hearing a petition filed by D. Pavithra and 51 other candidates recently.

The next hearing is scheduled for Feb. 25 (Tuesday).

Previously, the KSAT had directed the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) to announce the Preliminary exam results on Jan. 30, 2025, and proceed with the appointment process.

However, the Tribunal has now instructed the KPSC to withhold the notification issued on Jan. 29 for conducting the main exams until the next hearing.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MENTALLY REPEATING CALMING WORD STILLS THE MIND: ***We can only excel at something we are motivated to do in life. It is the same in the spiritual arena. If we are motivated, with an internal passion and zeal to meditate, then we will be successful in devoting regular time to it. How can we become motivated? We need to know the importance of meditation, experience its benefits, and understand the goal before us.***

One of the key impediments to meditation is our mind. The mind is always trying to derail us. If we can convince the mind of the benefits it can reap from meditation, it will become a helpful ally in our goal. The benefits of meditation are manifold. From mental clarity and astuteness to enhanced focus, concentration, and efficiency, meditation can help us excel in all spheres of life. It can also help us physically by enhancing the body's ability to rest, rejuvenate, and fight infection and disease. Above all, meditation brings us spiritual benefits, helping us achieve life's most important goal — oneness with God.

Second, we need to ensure we are meditating accurately in order to get the right results when we meditate. Meditation does not require any difficult postures. The technique involves sitting in a pose most comfortable, one in which you can sit the longest without moving, and that is not conducive to falling asleep. Any movement keeps the attention on the body. No part of the body should be touching anyone since if one moves, it will disturb the other. Mentally repeat a calming word, Simran, to still the mind.

Next, after learning the accurate meditation technique, we need to practise daily to excel. When we devote time every day to a task, we can excel in it. When we keep our eye on the prize, which is experiencing the divine Power within, all distractions fade, and we remain focused on our destination, navigating around the distractions that present themselves. This comes with practice and direct experience.

The most important factor on the path towards the Divine is faith. If we meditate daily with full faith, knowing that it is not us but God who is in control, and if we surrender to His will each time, the Almighty will give us what is best for us, and step by step, He will lead us Home.— *Sant Rajinder Singh in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Prankster sends runners on a 2.5-km detour

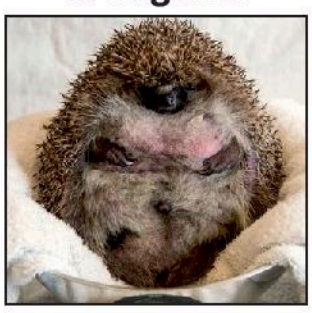
Glasgow: Runners at a 10k trail race in Glasgow were sent in the wrong direction by a prankster pretending to be a marshal and who buried arrow signs marking the course.

Acorn Trails said about 30 of the 115 participants at the event on Sunday were sent on a 2.5 km (1.5 mile) detour by the woman.

Organiser Alex Osborne said: "It's hard to laugh off the incident when you consider the possible implications had things not panned out as lightly as they did. There's a fine line between it being a humorous prank and an incident had one of the runners, not all of whom were local, got more lost when their warm clothing, refreshments and first aid were at the finish line."

The competitors affected by the "mischievous" interference have been offered a 50% discount on their entry to the next event.

Obese hedgehog goes on a diet in England



Swindon: An obese hedgehog named Jabba, weighing in at nearly three times the average weight of a wild hedgehog is going on a diet.

Jabba is on a strict diet of liquefied dog food, having been overfed by his previous owner. He had grown so large, Jabba was unable to curl into a spiky ball and therefore easy prey in the wild.

It is hoped he will lose over a kilogram to hit his target weight of 650 grams (1.4 pounds) before being released back into the wild. It was so far so good on Monday when his latest weigh-in showed he's already down to 1.67kg (3.6 lbs).

No longer scoffing mealworms, his portion controlled diet has already seen him lose so much weight he can now roll into a ball.

HEALTH CAPSULE

IRREGULAR PERIODS

Common among most young girls. Polycystic ovaries could be the reason. Need to evaluate first. It's a lifestyle problem. You can sort this by maintaining healthy weight, balanced diet, exercise and good sleep for 6-8 hrs and also by being stress free. Maintain your menstrual. This avoids future health problems too.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Valedictory Ceremony of JO-FEST tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 24- St. Joseph's First Grade College (A unit of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society — MDES), Jayalakshmipuram, has organised the Valedictory Ceremony of JO-FEST - 2025 at St. Joseph's School (CBSE) Ground, Jayalakshmipuram, at 6 pm tomorrow (Feb. 25).

Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore and President, MDES, will preside over the event. Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General, Diocese of Mysore and Vice-President, MDES, Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, Secretary, MDES, Rev. Fr. A. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, Seby Mavely, CEO, Training and Development, MDES, H.N. Chandrashekara, Principal and R. Shilpa, Vice-Principal will be present.

A.H. Sagar, International Educationist, Philosopher & National Sports Person, will be the chief guest. Aishwarya Rangarajan, Playback Singer, will be the celebrity guest.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **114.53 feet**	Today's level **2,275.63 feet**	Today's level **2,836.98 feet**
Last year's level **90.56 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.47 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.01 feet**
Yesterday's level **114.53 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.76 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.99 feet**
Today's Inflow **229 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **58 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **118 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,825 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Male and female peacocks look different: Male Indian peacocks have beautiful green and blue plumage with a long tail. On the other hand, Indian peahens are of a brown, and dull grey colour.***
- ***White peacocks are rarely found in nature. This is due to leucism, a genetic condition in which the peacock loses its pigmentation from feathers.***
- ***The famous long tail of peacocks is popularly called the train.***
- ***In Feng Shui, peacocks' feathers are considered as protective symbols from threats and disasters.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband: *Why do you feed all these beggars who come to our door often? They never do any work for you?*
Wife: *No, they don't. But it is very satisfying to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 86.67**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 109.86**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.60**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 91.12**

VOICE OF THE READER

Create a wide Circle
at V.V. Puram - KRS Road Junction

Sir,

The junction on KRS Road, in front of the Railway Community Hall near Ramakrishna Vidyashala, connects key areas including Yadavagiri, V.V. Puram, Vontikoppal, KRS Road, Gokulam Extension and Mysuru city.

With five major roads converging at this point, motorists currently face a wait of 4 to 5 minutes at the traffic signals, a situation exacerbated by the growing population and increasing number of vehicles in Mysuru.

Fortunately, this junction has ample space that could be transformed into a large circular junction, similar to K.R. Circle in the city centre or Ramakrishna Circle in Ramakrishnanagar.

Such a development would not only enhance traffic flow but also beautify the area. Additionally, the junction holds cultural significance due to its proximity to landmarks like Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Ramakrishna Ashram, and Sri Lakshmivenkataramanaswamy Temple.

A fitting proposal is to name the revamped junction "Princess Circle" in memory of the Princess of the erstwhile Mysore Kingdom. This would resonate with the local community, as the stretch is already known as Princess Road, preserving the historical legacy cherished by the people of Mysuru.

—M.C. Chandrasekhar,
Retd. Chief Manager,
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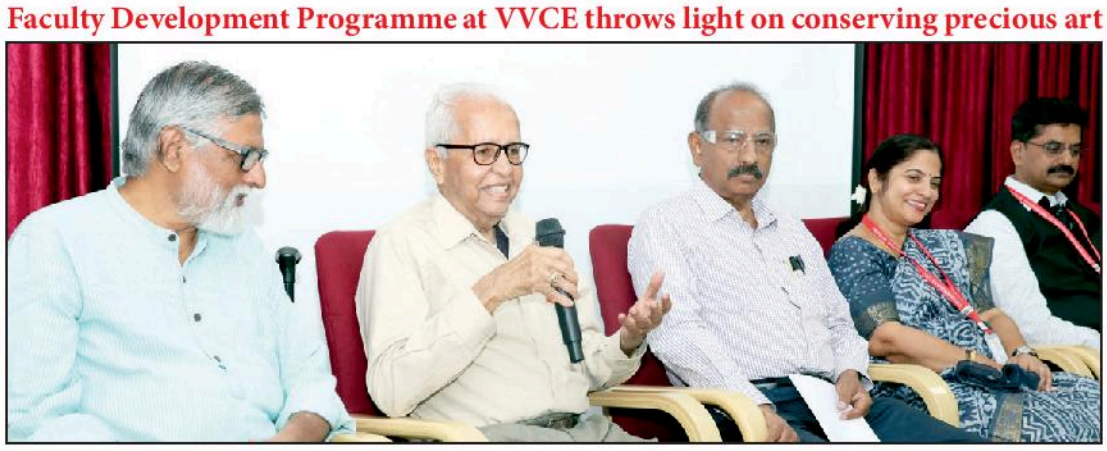
Archaeological Chemist Subbaraman praises British conservation, shares insights

Faculty Development Programme at VVCE throws light on conserving precious art



Mysuru, Feb. 24 (BCT)- *Padmashri* S. Subbaraman, a retired Superintending Archaeological Chemist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), delivered a thought-provoking talk during the inauguration of a six-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)" with a STEMS perspective (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Society).

The event, organised by the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, was held at its B.C. Lingaiah Hall recently.

Subbaraman acknowledged that while the British exploited India economically, they took significant care in conserving the country's ancient monuments.

He emphasised the importance of a nuanced approach to conservation, stating, "In handling valuable paintings, mere knowledge of solvents is insufficient. Manual skills, artistic sensibility and a deep appreciation for the art are essential. One must approach precious art objects with a sense of reverence and understanding."

He also credited the Nizam of Hyderabad for initiating the conservation of invaluable historical paintings, highlighting the role of leaders in preserving India's cultural heritage.

Subbaraman shared insights from his extensive career, including his work on the restoration of the Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan. Recounting the challenges faced during the restoration between June and October 1977, he noted initial local opposition, which gradually turned into support as tourists began visiting the site.

He fondly recalled the symbolic moment when then External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee handed over the restored statues to the Afghan Government. Tragically, the statues were destroyed by the Taliban in 2001, a loss Subbaraman described as deeply unfortunate.

Subbaraman's illustrious career also includes conservation efforts at iconic sites such as the Ajanta Caves, Lepakshi Temple, Angkor Wat in Cambodia, and the Brihadeeshwara Temple in Tanjore, underscoring his dedication to preserving India and the world's cultural heritage.

The FDP aimed to explore the philosophical foundations of IKS, its applications in areas like water conservation, wellness, and mathematics, and its relevance to modern education.

The programme also highlighted the Kannada vocabulary within IKS, fostering its integration into contemporary academic discourse. The six-day event concluded on Feb. 22.

The session was attended by P. Vishwanath, Secretary of VVS; Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal of VVCE; Gopal Reddy, Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at VVCE; and Ashok Rao, former CEDT, Bengaluru.

Mahashivarathri at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram

Mysuru, Feb. 24- The following programmes will be conducted on the occasion of Mahashivarathri being celebrated at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram (Avadhoota Datta Peetham) in Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, from Feb. 25 to 27:

Feb. 25 — 9 am: Sri Chakra Puja; **10 am:** Girija Kalyanam; **6 pm:** Release of video album '10 powerful Devi Bhajans on Violin' - Sri Swamiji's compositions on violin by 9-year-old twin brothers - Jathin Gudipudi and Jaswin Gudipudi; **6.30 pm:** Sri Venkatamakhin Memorial and Tyagaraja Swamy Aradhana - Mass singing of Tyagaraja Pancharatna compositions by many musicians.

Feb. 26 — Mahashivarathri; **6 am:** Maha Rudra Homa; **9 am:** Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Rudra Homa Purnahuti; **11 am:** Maha Rudra Abhishekam by devotees; **3 pm:** Puja to Moolikeshwara; **6.30 pm:** Rudra Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shivalinga by Pujya Sri Swamiji; **7 pm:** Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka by devotees - Karnatak Vocal Duet Concert by Akkarai Sisters - Vidu. S. Subbalakshmi and Vidu. S. Sornalatha and troupe; **10 pm:** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Bharat Sundar and troupe; **11 pm:** Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Chanting Rudra Prashna Veda Mantras for 11 times and different decorations.

Feb. 27 — 1 am: Kuchipudi Dance by Sri Sadguru Dance Music Academy, Pithapuram, Andhra Pradesh; **3 am:** Shiva Bhajans and Divya Nama Sankeertana by Pujya Sri Swamiji; **6 am:** Maha Mangala Arati to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga, Teertha & Prasada distribution.

AICC Session on Apr. 8 and 9

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (DM)- All India Congress Committee (AICC) will hold a 2-day Session at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on Apr. 8 and 9. Congress issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

The Session will discuss what it alleges anti-people policies of BJP lead NDA Government at the Centre and the future path for Congress. The Session will also pave the way for decisive debates on various issues bothering the country, according to AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal.

Sree Cauvery College hosts CREO-2025 Management and Technical Fest

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (BCT)- Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, organised a one-day State-level inter-college Management and Technical Fest, "CREO-2025," at the college premises recently.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. D. Anand, Director of the College Development Council, University of Mysore.

A total of 122 students participated in five events: Technical, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, and Best Manager. RNS First Grade College, Bangalore, won the overall trophy, while Sapient College, Mysuru, secured the runner-up position. The event was attended by management members, administrators, faculty and students. The valedictory function featured Sham, a renowned mimicry artiste from Mysuru, as the chief guest. The winners and runners-up were honoured alongside dignitaries, including K.M. Padmavathi, M.P. Nanaiah, Dr. C.E. Subramanya and I.G. Kashiappa.

NEWS BRIEFS

Quiz contest for women

Vani Vilas Ladies Club & Kannada Odugara Okkuta - 2012 have jointly organised a quiz contest for women at the Club premises in Nazarbad on Mar. 4 at 11 am. Last date to register names is Mar. 2. For details, call Mob: 98869-76324 or 96069-93137 or 97403-77792, according to a press release.

Shivarathri at V.V. Mohalla temple

As part of Mahashivarathri, abhisheka will be performed at Sri Chandramoulishwara Swamy Temple in V.V. Mohalla at 8 am, 10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm on Feb. 26 and 12 am, 3.30 am on Feb. 27. Bhajans and dance programmes will be held throughout the night. Utsava will be taken out at 8.30 am on Feb. 27. Darshan will be allowed from 6 am on Feb. 26 to 6 am on Feb. 27.

Rangoli contest on Feb. 26

Samrudhi Trust, KMPK Charitable Trust and JCI Mysuru Kings' Ladies Wing will be jointly organising rangoli competition for women and spiritual progammes as part of Shivarathri celebrations on Feb. 26 at Maharshi Public School in Vishweswaranagar from 9 am. Those interested may contact Mob: 95913-50267 for registration, according to press release from Samrudhi Trust President Sahana Gowda.

Portrait drawing for children

As part of Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdaiah Jayanti, Suvarna Belaku Foundation has organised Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdaiah's portrait drawing competition for children (4th to 8th std.) Interested may draw, colour and send the picture through WhatsApp to 94489-80010. All participants will be given certificates and winners will get cash prizes during the programme on Mar. 1. For details, contact S. Mahesh on Mob: 94489-80010.

Ph.D awardee

Subhajit Ghosh has been awarded Ph.D in Pharmacy by the Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha for his thesis 'Development of Quality Standards for some Classical Ayurvedic Oral Formulations.' [Guide: Dr. P.N. Murthy]. Subhajit Ghosh is working as Professor in Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru.

Squalid conditions persist in this Jayanagar drain

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (PM&BS)- Even before the rainy season begins, sewage water continues to flow through the Raja Kaluve (stormwater drain) in Jayanagar, presenting a dismal and unhygienic sight. Herds of pigs are often seen feeding on plastic waste recklessly dumped into the drain.

Located on Aniketana Road near Jayanagar in Kuvempunagar, this neglected drain is not on the outskirts but right within the city.

It highlights one of the many challenges the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) faces as it prepares for the Swachh Survekshan, a national clean city ranking survey launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

A team from Swachh Survekshan is expected to visit Mysuru soon to evaluate the city's cleanliness practices. However, the poor conditions at such locations raise questions about the effectiveness of MCC's measures.

Despite its goal to reclaim the top spot in the clean city rankings, MCC faces criticism for not implementing practical solutions. Many citizens argue that officials must 'practice what they preach' to make a genuine impact.

MCC has implemented daily door-to-door garbage collection in all its 65 Wards using over 300 auto tippers. Yet, the problem of bulk waste dumping persists, highlighting the need for public cooperation alongside civic efforts. To counter night-time waste dumping that turns vacant sites into eyesores, MCC introduced 'Operation Night Raid,' imposing fines on offenders. However, the menace of indiscriminate waste disposal continues unabated.

Adding to the woes at Raja Kaluve, a section of the retaining wall on the bridge over the drain has collapsed, posing a serious safety risk to commuters. In the absence of the wall, the threat of accidents looms, especially if drivers are inattentive.

The delay in repairing the wall underscores the need for prompt action to prevent potential accidents.

Fire destroys household items at Devaraja Mohalla

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (PM&KS)- Fire due to short circuit has destroyed household items worth lakhs of rupees at a house in Devaraja Mohalla yesterday.

The fire broke out at the house of one Manjunath, situated on the first floor at the junction of Narayana Shastri Road and Bidaram Krishnappa Road yesterday evening resulting in thick smoke emanating from the house.

Luckily, no loss of lives or injuries took place as the family members were away when the fire broke out. But the neighbours were a panicked lot due to thick black smoke emanating from the house.

Soon, Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who arrived at the spot, began the fire dousing operation and had to use a different extinguisher as the fire was caused by electrical short circuit.

CESC staff, who also arrived at the spot, disconnected the power supply immediately, following which the Fire staff, using fire extinguishing vehicles managed to douse the fire which took over two hours.

Meanwhile, Fire and Emergency Services staff said that furniture, dresses and other household items worth about Rs. 2 lakh have been destroyed in the fire.

District Fire Officer Ramesh and Saraswathipuram Fire Station Assistant Fire Officer Mantaiah led the operation in which staff Mahesh Kumar, Manu, K.T. Swamy, Murthy Shetty, Feroz Khan, Venkatappa and Manjunath took part.

Summer heat: Team Mysuru waters roadside saplings

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (SBD&KS)- Following early summer resulting in scorching heat, members of Team Mysuru undertook a drive to water saplings on roadsides in city.

Under 'Green Mysuru' campaign, the members of Team Mysuru had planted hundreds of saplings on roadsides across the city, which were drying up due to summer heat, following which the members, using a water tanker, watered hundreds of saplings planted on the side of Ramavilas Road, Sheshadri Iyer Road and near Jockey Quarters, on the occasion of Team Mysuru member Harish's daughter Bhanupriya's birthday. Also, 135 saplings planted on the Main Road in Vijayanagar 4th Stage were watered with the help of resident Gowri.

Team Mysuru members Gokul Govardhan, Kiran Jairamegowda, Balakrishna, Manju Hunsur, Hemanth, Srujan, Naveen, Hiriyanna, Anil Jain, Harish Shetty, Basavaraju, Trimurti, Sahana, Sukruta, Priyanka, Vismaya and others took part in watering the saplings.

Gokul Govardhan said that after planting the sapling, it should be nurtured for a few years especially during summer, when plants require more water to sustain themselves.

Celebrating Mysuru Akashvani's legacy

Samudyata Shrotru Sangha presents Sadbhavana Award, Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (GA&BCT)- Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal lauded Mysuru Akashvani for its diverse and enriching programmes, calling it a source of pride for the city.

Speaking at the 13th annual celebrations of Samudyata Shrotru Sangha, FM 100.6 Mysuru Akashvani Kelugara Balaga (Community Radio Listeners Association), Krishnamurthypuram, at the Rotary Auditorium on JLB Road, he highlighted the Station's exceptional offerings, including phone-ins, agricultural segments, classical music, film songs and discussions.

These programmes are aired continuously from 5.55 am to 11.10 pm, reflecting Mysuru Akashvani's dedication to quality content.

Deputy Director of Akashvani, S.S. Umesh, emphasised the unique bond between the Station and its listeners, noting that Community Associations supporting a Radio Station are rare. He praised the collaborative spirit of the listeners who actively engage with Akashvani Mysuru.

In commemoration of Akashvani's 90th anniversary on Mar. 7, a series of special programmes have been planned. The celebration will feature prominent guests, including the Director-General of Prasar Bharati Mayank Kumar Agrawal, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Senior Scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar praised Mysuru Akashvani for its tasteful programming, noting its significant reach among listeners at home, during walks and even while travelling.

He also recalled the Station's vital role during natural disasters and its historical impact, including the announcement made when Kannada superstar Dr. Rajkumar was kidnapped by forest brigand Veerappan.

During the event, several distinguished individuals were honoured. The Sadbhavana Award was presented to Kaalihundi Shivakumar, an auditor with the State Audit and Accounts Department and a writer, Ranganath Mysuru, Secretary of the Hoysala Kannada Sangha, Siddamma was recognised for her remarkable journey shaped by selling pottery in Mallahalli, Nanjangud taluk. President's medal winner Baburao, known for his dedicated service in the Fire Brigade, was also felicitated. PUC topper B.S. Varshitha and SSLC topper S. Sanjana were awarded Pratibha Puraskar.

The event saw the presence of Association President V. Govindachari, Secretary T.N. Rajeshwari, retired Assistant Director of Akashvani Srinivas, K.P. Veena, Lokeshwari, Chandrakala, Bhagyalakshmi, Bhagavati, Duggahalli Parashivamurthy, Shridhar, M.R. Srikanta, Shashikala Prasad and Shruthi Laxman, making it a memorable celebration of Mysuru Akashvani's legacy and impact.

PBS, SPB remembered through their songs

Rotary Ivory City organises 'PBS-SPB Musical Nite' to raise funds for school building

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (PM&VNS)- While the cricket buffs were glued to watch India taking on Pakistan in the ongoing Champions Trophy, music lovers in the city were treated with some of the best Kannada songs originally rendered by legendary singers P.B. Srinivas (PBS) and S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) during the 'PBS-SPB Musical Nite' at Kalamandira here yesterday.

The programme, organised by Rotary Ivory City Mysuru to raise Rs. 12 lakh for the construction of compound and installation of gate at Sarvajanika High School atop Chamundi Hill, witnessed Rtn. V.N. Prasad and troupe rendering yesteryear Kannada movie songs taking the audience back to the golden era of Kannada cinema.

Along with V.N. Prasad, Dr. M.S. Natashekar, Thyagaraj, Jayanthi Bhat, Hamsini Kumar and Ruthvik Raj entertained the audience with more than 25 songs including 'Teredide Mane...' from 'Hosa Belaku', 'Aaseya Bhava Olavina Jeeva...' from 'Mangalya Bhaya', 'Kodagina Kaveri...' from 'Sharapanjara', 'Navaduva Nudiye Kannada Nudi...' from 'Gandhada Gudi', 'Aakashave Beelali Mele...' from 'Nyayave Devaru' among others. While singers rendered the songs, videos of the songs were relayed on the LED screen installed in the background. Shanti Bharadwaj compered the programme.

FROM LEFT: ***Thyagaraj, V.N. Prasad, Shanti Bharadwaj, Jayanthi Bhat, Dr. M.S. Natashekar, Ruthvik Raj and Hamsini Kumar.***

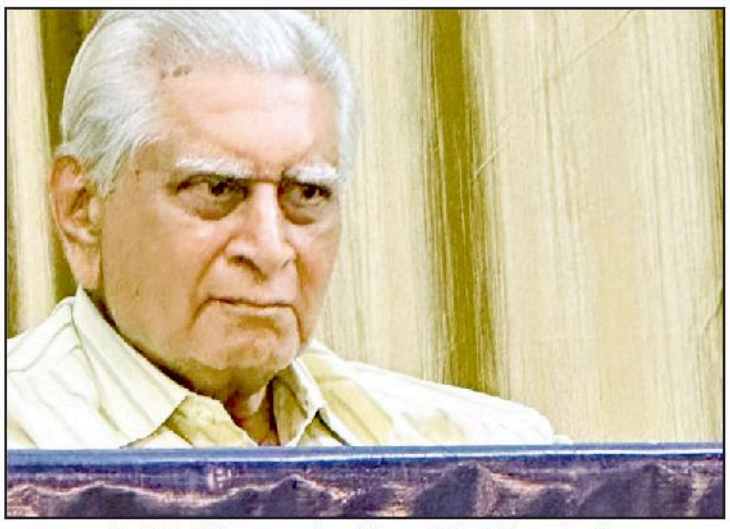
Dr. H.S. Shivanna speaks about inexorable universe, religion, God and man

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (OSR)- "We still do not know how vast this immense universe is, though scientists say it all began with a big bang, known as Big Bang Theory," said Dr. H.S. Shivanna, former Professor of English, Manasagangothri.

He was giving a talk on the subject 'The Universe and Us' organised by the Mysore Literary Association (MLA) at Rotary West Hall, Saraswathipuram, yesterday.

According to him, the cosmic frontiers are getting extended as per the discoveries by the astronomers who are finding new galaxies and stars in the universe. The word 'Us' in the subject of his talk meant all the living things on this planet earth, humans, animals and even the viruses. "So what are we doing with our lives on this planet earth in relation to the universe?" he asked and dilated on the answer.

Saying that writing was discovered in the beginning about 6,000 years ago in the form of Hieroglyphic script and also symbols of artefacts and living



Dr. H.S. Shivanna, who delivered the talk yesterday.

creatures and then got evolved to the present form, he opined that only thereafter man began to think and gained intelligence. Vedas were written around this time, he said — 6000 years ago. During this period, civilisations in different parts of the world took birth, including the Indus Valley Civilisation in India.

Dr. Shivanna spoke at length about the birth of religions during this period which from the oral tradition changed to following the tradition of written down holy books. Therefore, it was man who created God in his own image, he noted.

Over the years, religion became a dominant force because it had refining and civilising teachings in it, though it was a myth. "Despite there being many religions, we have had many wars. So, religions instead of being a unifying force has become a dividing force," he said, adding "I sometimes wonder does God have religion?" He said the belief in heaven and hell is fiction and they are not there in reality.

Turning his attention to universe, he discussed about the discoveries made in the stellar sky, the milky ways and the universe with the help of Galileo's telescope, Hubble Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope etc. with a power-point presentation. While the Church accused Galileo as a heretic for his discovery that the earth and planets revolved around the Sun and sentenced him, he compromised and retracted. Saying this, Dr. Shivanna recalled the courage of conviction of the Greek philosopher Socrates, when he was accused for his teachings and beliefs, in refusing to compromise and boldly accepting the punishment of death.

After the talk, there was an interaction with the audience. Prof. K.C. Belliappa, President of MLA, welcomed. Reginald Wesley, Hon. Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Pope Francis remains critical

Pope Francis

Rome, Feb. 24 - Pope Francis, who is battling double pneumonia, remains in a critical condition for a second day and has shown an "initial, slight insufficiency" in his kidney function, the Vatican said yesterday.

The prognosis for the 88-year-old Pope, who required a transfusion of two units of blood on Saturday after experiencing a "prolonged asthma-like respiratory crisis," remains "guarded", according to the latest medical update.

Pope Francis was admitted to Rome's Gemelli Hospital on Feb. 14. The Vatican first described his condition as critical on Saturday. "The condition of the Holy Father remains critical; however, since last night he has not experienced further respiratory crises," the Vatican said on Sunday.

Mysuru Chalo: Nakabandis across city

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Heavy Police presence through 'nakabandis' (check-points) at various points blanketed the heart of Mysuru city this morning, especially near Gun House Circle and Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, with officers and lathi-wielding personnel stationed at every nook and corner to maintain order in the wake of two rallies planned this morning following the Udayagiri stone-pelting incident.

Security was tightened, with patrol vehicles constantly moving through key areas and check-points set up to monitor public movement. Nakabandis were also set up at the entrances of the city from various points including Bengaluru side to prevent the flow of people for the rally.

More than 500 Policemen were deployed along the route from Gun House Circle to Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

The BJP-backed Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi planned a 'Mysore Chalo' rally from Gun House Circle to Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, to raise awareness against what they termed 'anti-national' forces endangering the lives of Police personnel.

Meanwhile, the Dalit Mahasabha planned a counter rally along the same route, accusing the BJP of attempting to incite violence for political gain.

Intelligence warning

Anticipating possible clashes, the City Police imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), banning public gatherings and processions.

The orders were issued following intelligence reports warning of potential disturbances due to planned protest events.

Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar had announced the ban orders through a press release, urging the public to maintain peace and cooperate.

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka, who arrived in Mysuru this morning seen with former MP Prathap Simha and others.

As people gathered in the heart of the city this morning, Police personnel were seen informing them about the ban orders.

KSRTC buses, Police vans, and other vehicles were lined up from Gun House Circle to Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and near Manipal Hospital Junction. Several goods vehicles arriving from Bengaluru were checked as there were reports of BJP State leaders planning to enter Mysuru city clandestinely.

Prathap Simha meets Vijayendra

In a noteworthy political move, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha met BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra at a private hotel on outskirts of Mysuru.

Seated beside Vijayendra, Prathap Simha engaged in a detailed conversation. The meeting has sparked intense curiosity as Prathap Simha, already noted for his alignment with the BJP rebels, chose this crucial moment to confer with Vijayendra.

The timing and nature of the discussion have fuelled speculation about possible shifts within the party's internal dynamics.

HDK lambasts State Govt. for price rise

Union Budget will help farmers, women, youths and middle class

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) addressing a press meet at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad, Mysuru, this morning. Also seen are former MLA M. Ashvin Kumar, former Ministers C.S. Puttaraju & S.R. Mahesh and MLC C.N. Manjegowda.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (BLU&DM)- Lambasting the State Government for hiking liquor prices, milk prices, power tariff, bus fares, metro fares etc., Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) said that the Congress Government in Karnataka was only indulged in gimmickry by blaming the Centre for shortage of funds.

Asserting that the Union Budget is all inclusive and comes as a booster for farmers, women, youths, the middle-class etc., HDK lashed out at the State Government for rising prices.

Sharing the details of Union Budget at a press meet at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad here this morning, Kumaraswamy said that he would take part in the video-conference where Prime Minister Modi is set to transfer funds under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme, directly into the farmers' accounts with a single click later today at Bhagalpur in Bihar.

The PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme provides Rs. 6,000 annually to landholding farmer families distributed in 3 equal instalments of Rs. 2,000 every four months.

Pointing out that this year's Union Budget has a plan outlay of Rs. 50,000 lakh crore, HDK said he had been out of public contact for the past several days due to his ill health and today's was the first programme that he was attending after recovering.

"The Union Government has allocated Rs. 11.20 lakh crore for capital expenditure, Rs.1.72 lakh crore for the farm sector and has selected 100 backward districts across the country for fast tracking development by setting up Start-ups. This apart, it has made appropriate allocations to all other sectors and there are plans for employment generation in the leather industry," he noted.

Coming back to the State, Kumaraswamy hit out at the Congress Government for unfairly and unnecessarily accusing the Centre of discriminating Karnataka in budgetary allocation.

Only God can save the Lokayukta

Commenting on the Lokayukta Police giving a clean chit to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvathi and brother-in-law Mallikarjunaswamy in the MUDA alternative sites allotment case, Kumaraswamy said that the Lokayukta report was doctored by the CM.

"The MUDA scam cannot be taken to its logical end as the Government has intervened in the case. The Siddaramaiah Government, out of vengeance, has ordered a survey of my farm land at Ketaganahalli near Bidadi and has also formed a SIT, which includes 5 IAS Officers, to probe the case. Let the Siddaramaiah Government order an international survey of my land. The CM is not a 'Satya Harishchandra' and the Congress Government is acting against him (HDK) only out of vengeance," he said , wondering what all happened to Hinkal Sakamma land dispute case, in which the CM's followers are said to be involved.

Commenting on District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa's statement that CM Siddaramaiah should set a record for the longest duration of a CM, Kumaraswamy said it is not the duration that matters, but it is the sort of administration that a CM would give that matters the most for the general public.

"The State's exchequer has gone bankrupt so much so that it does not have the money to fund its own guarantee schemes. The Government has been rising fares of essential services and prices of commodities at will to fill up its coffers, much to the burden of the common man," he said adding that the Siddaramaiah Government has failed on all fronts and there is nothing much that can be expected from this Government.

Police Station attackers must be punished

Referring to the Udayagiri Police Station attack incident, Kumaraswamy said it is the duty of the State Government to take action against anyone who is violating the law.

"The Police must act and punish all those involved in the stone- pelting incident. Police force must crush anti-social elements," he said wondering how the stone pelters could collect stones in bags in a matter of just a few minutes and attack the Police Station. The case is a very serious one and the State Government should bring the culprits to book, he added.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former Minister S.R. Mahesh, former MLA M. Ashvin Kumar and other JD(S) leaders were present at the press meet.

Devotee from Mysuru killed in road accident

He was undertaking a *padayatra* from Mysuru to M.M. Hills when the accident took place

Swamy

Kollegal, Feb. 24 (KS)- A devotee from Mysuru, who was undertaking a *padayatra* from Mysuru to Male Mahadeshwara Hills (M.M. Hills) on account of Shivarathri festival, was killed when a bike hit a group of devotees undertaking the *padayatra* near Madhuvanahalli village in the taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Swamy (37), a resident of Rammanahalli village in Mysuru while the injured are Rammanahalli Chikkamadu, Mari Gopali, Tata Birla and Prajwal, who have been admitted to a hospital.

It is learnt that hundreds of devotees had vowed to undertake *padayatra* from Rammanahalli to M.M. Hills on account of Shivarathri festival and had embarked on their journey on foot via Kallur, Mullur route and were walking towards M.M. Hills on the National Highway near Madhuvanahalli. Meanwhile, the bike riders, who were proceeding from Bengaluru to Martalli, rammed into the group of devotees, resulting in Swamy being killed on the spot and two devotees and bike riders getting injured.

Dy.SP Dharmendra, Circle Inspector Shivamadaiah, Sub-Inspector Supreeth and staff, who reached the spot, conducted an inspection. Kollegal Rural Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

2 students injured as country bomb explodes during cleaning drive

Nagamangala, Feb. 24- Two students sustained injuries when a country bomb exploded during the cleaning drive by the students at Anjaneya Betta near Kambadahalli yesterday.

The injured students have been identified as Harihanth Patil and Partha, residents of Kambadahalli village, who were pursuing their education at Maruthi Rural High School at Jain Basadi in the village.

It is said that the two students had gone to Anjaneya Betta to undertake cleaning around the temple. When they put their hands to the garbage heap to remove the waste, the bomb exploded. The intensity of the bomb was so much that the palm of one of the two students has been mutilated while the other student sustained injuries on his face.

Police suspect that the country bomb may have been placed to hunt wild boars. The injured students have been admitted to Adichunchanagiri Hospital in Bellur.

Mandya District Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi visited the spot. A case has been registered at Bindiganavile Police Station.

Obituary

K.G. Prakash

Mysuru, Feb. 24- K.G. Prakash (74), former Translator at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Mysuru, passed away this morning at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his brother K.G. Satish, Director of The Graduate's Co-operative Bank, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

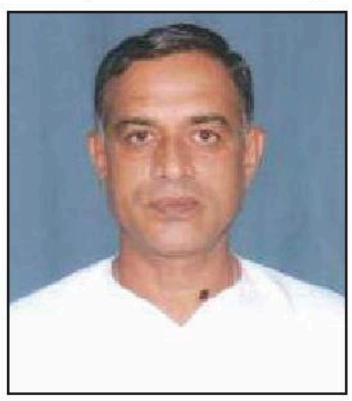
Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

Sri Mahadevadeshikendra Swamiji of Namaha Shivaya Mutt passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Sri Mahadevadeshikendra Swamiji (72), President of Namaha Shivaya Mutt on Ramanuja Road here and Hon. Secretary of Sri Nataraja Vidya Samsthe, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

A native of Gulipura village in Kollegal taluk of Chamarajanagar district and son of late Mahadevappa and late Lalithamma couple, Sri Mahadevadeshikendra Swamiji is survived by one brother and three sisters.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Lingayat Burial Grounds at Lalithadripura this afternoon, according to a press release from Sri Nataraja Pratishtana.

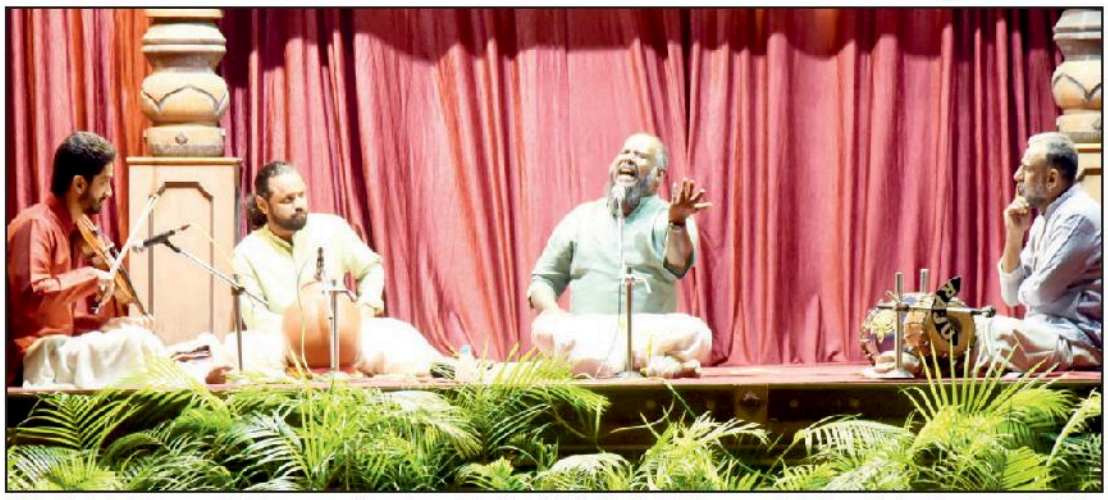


Sri Mahadevadeshikendra Swamiji

Melodious Moonlight Music at Suttur Mutt, Mysuru

Suttur Mutt had organised an excellent music concert as part of its monthly 'Moonlight Music Programme' on Feb. 12. The pond, surrounded by trees and plants, looked calm under the bright moonlight, creating the perfect ambience to enjoy soulful music.

Vid. Harish Sivaramakrishnan, accompanied by **Vid. Mysore N. Karthik** on violin, **Vid. K.U. Jaychandra Rao** on mridanga and **Vid. Giridhar Udupa** on ghata, presented a memorable vocal concert for the pleasure of the rasikas of Mysuru.



Vid. Harish Sivaramakrishnan performing at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill on Feb. 12, as part of the Mutt's monthly Moonlight Music Programme. He is accompanied by Vid. Mysore N. Karthik on violin, Vid. K.U. Jaychandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Harish is more widely known in the film industry, having won a 'Best Playback Singer' award. He has sung many songs in Malayalam, Telugu and Tamil films. It is both surprising and satisfying to learn that a playback singer and a Chemical Engineering graduate from BITS Pilani, is equally committed to classical music. This was evident in his performance at the moonlight concert, where he captivated the audience with his expressive singing.

Only a few compositions were selected for the evening and they were presented with great elaboration and dedication. From the opening varna 'Chalamala' (Natakuranji-Adi tala) to the concluding piece 'Chandrachooda Shiva Shankara' (Darbari Kanada-Purandara Dasa), Harish's earnestness in rendering the compositions and his commitment to music were consistent. It was this quality that deeply resonated with the listeners. Whether in a composed piece or manodharma sangeetha, Harish dives deep into the music and carries the rasikas along with him.

'Nathajana Paalini,' a composition of Thanjavur Shankara Iyer in the raga Nalinakanthi, stood out with its clear phrases and attractive sangathis.

His improvisation in the kriti added a special touch. A neraval at 'Marakata Varnashree Parameshwari' was followed by brisk kalpana swaras. The performance of 'Akhilandeshwari,' the evergreen composition of Muthuswami Dikshitar in Dwijavanthi, showcased his total involvement. A brilliant expansion of Saramathi was equally gratifying, with an easy flow of spirals.

Harish's raga renditions are emotionally charged, almost as if he is caressing every note with utmost care. Karthik was equally engaging and the duo created a serene atmosphere with their melodious music. Instead of the popular 'Mokshamugalada,' Harish sang a Tamil composition, 'Enna Tunivay' in Saramathi.

The main raga of the evening was Brindavanasaranga. Harish effortlessly traversed all the octaves to bring out the essence and bhava of the raga. A short taana was followed by a pallavi in Adi tala. 'Naadanai Dinam Ninai Maname Brindavanasaranga' was a heart-touching rendition by both artistes. Jayachandra Rao impressed with his soft strokes, while Giridhar Udupa joined him, displaying skill and adaptability throughout the concert. The evening concluded with two Kannada Devaranamas — 'Ramarama Seetharama' and 'Chandrachooda Shivashankara'— bringing down the curtains on an unforgettable musical experience.

Tyagaraja Aradhana at N.R. Mohalla Sabha

The first day of the three-day Tyagaraja Aradhana (on Feb. 14) began with a vocal concert by **Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna** at N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha. Balamuralikrishna is known for captivating his fans with his mesmerising music and his energetic singing shines throughout his performances. He has earned numerous awards and accolades for his contributions to music. He was accompanied by **Mysore V. Srikanth** on violin, **Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Shamith S. Gowda** on ghata.

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna

Balamuralikrishna had chosen compositions of Saint Tyagaraja and Purandara Dasa for the evening. The setlist included 'Janaki Ramana' (Shuddha Seemanthini) and one of his famous Pancharatna Krithis — 'Endaro Mahanubhavulu' (Shree), 'Seethamma Mayamma' (Vasantha), 'Karuna Elagante Nee' (Varali), 'Sarasa Saamdaana' (Kapi Narayani) and 'Rama Nee Eda Premamu' (Kharaharapriya). The Purandara Dasa compositions included 'Alli Nodalu Rama' (Mohana Kalyani) and 'Jagadoddharana' (Hindustani Kapi).

Almost all compositions were presented with an alapana. A fast chitteswara for 'Seethamma Mayamma' was a welcome highlight.

Whether in kalpana or kalpita sangeetha, his treatment of the pieces was always strong and vigorous. Both 'Seethamma Mayamma' and 'Jagadoddharana' were expressed with high spirits. His approach to any raga reflected his sound and sturdy manodharma. For instance, the neraval in the Varali kriti 'Paramathmudu Jeevathmudu' was expanded impressively, with his exemplary patterns drawing much admiration. The combination of spirals made it even more commendable. The kalpana swaras were brisk and rapid, showcasing his virtuosity. The Kharaharapriya alapana was thoroughly enjoyable, with both Balamuralikrishna and Mysore Srikanth contributing beautifully.

Srikanth's bowing was melodious and soothing. Arjun Kumar is one of the finest percussionists in the country and young Shamith Gowda was energetic and kept pace with his counterparts.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti and Annual Celebrations of RK Ashram

Mysuru, Feb. 24- The 190th Jayanti celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa will be held at Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in Yadavagiri here on **Mar. 1** and Annual Celebrations of the Ashram will be held from Mar. 2 to 5 as follows:

FROM LEFT: *Akshaya Gokhale; Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati; Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra; Swami Mokshatmanandaji; Dr. Dattatreya Velankar, S. Balaji and Nityananda Vivekavamshi.*

Mar. 1 — 5.15 am: Vedic Chanting; **5.30 am:** Mangalarati and Bhajans; **7.30 am:** Special Puja; **8 am:** Vishnusahasranama Chanting; **9 am:** Bhajans; **10.30 am:** Reading of selected passages; **10.45 am:** Mahamangalarati; **11 am:** Homa; **12 noon:** Prasad distribution; **4.30 pm:** Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali; **6 pm:** Discourse in Kannada on 'Sri Ramakrishna's Life and Teachings'; **7 pm:** Sandhyarati and Special Bhajans.

Mar. 2 — 5.30 pm to 5.45 pm: Sandhyarati; **5.45 pm to 6.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada on 'Relevance of Sri Ramakrishna to Modern Society' by Akshaya Gokhale, Lecturer & Columnist, Karkala; **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm:** Yakshagana 'Krishnaleele Kamsa Vadhe' by Karavali Yakshagana Mandali, Mysuru.

Mar. 3 — 5.30 pm to 5.45 pm: Sandhyarati; **5.45 pm to 6.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda - A Universal Ideal' by Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati, Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashram, Gadag-Vijayapura; **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm:** Flute recital by Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra, renowned Hindustani flautist, Mysuru and Troupe.

Mar. 4 — 5.30 pm to 5.45 pm: Sandhyarati; **5.45 pm to 6.45 pm:** Discourse in Kannada on 'Jeevana Shilpi - Shrimate Sharadadevi' by Swami Mokshatmanandaji, Ramkrishna Mission Ashram, Belagavi; **6.45 pm to 8.15 pm:** Gana Keertana on Holy Trio by Surmani Dr. Dattatreya Velankar, renowned Hindustani Vocalist, Bengaluru and Troupe.

Swami Shambhavanandaji Memorial Lecture

Mar. 5 — 5.30 pm to 5.45 pm:

Sandhyarati; **5.45 pm to 6.45 pm:** Introductory Talk by S. Balaji, retd. Principal, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysuru; Talk in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda Ideas on Social Service' by Nityananda Vivekavamshi, Founder, Viveka Vidyavahini Trust, Mysuru.

Champions Trophy 2025

'King' Kohli reigns as India thrash Pakistan

Dubai, Feb. 24 (UNI)- Virat Kohli struck a sublime century as India cruised to a six-wicket victory over Pakistan in their Champions Trophy group-stage encounter at the Dubai International Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a target of 242, India got off to a brisk start, with captain Rohit Sharma scoring 20 off 15 balls before Shaheen Afridi delivered a peach of a yorker to clean him up in the fifth over. Shubman Gill looked in fine touch, playing seven exquisite boundaries on his way to 46 before being undone by a sharp carrom ball from Abrar Ahmed.

The chase was then anchored by Kohli, who exhibited his trademark composure and class, bringing up his 100 off 111 balls with seven boundaries. He was well supported by Shreyas Iyer, who contributed a fluent 56 off 67 balls, adding 114 runs with Kohli for the third wicket.

Despite a late hiccup with the dismissal of Hardik Pandya (8), India remained on course, with Kohli sealing the win in style by striking the winning boundary and raising his bat in celebration.

Earlier, India's disciplined bowling attack restricted Pakistan to 241 in 49.4 overs. Mohammed Shami had a wayward start, conceding five wides in the opening over, but India's seamers quickly found their rhythm. Pandya provided the breakthrough by dismissing Babar Azam for 23, while a sharp piece of fielding from Axar Patel ran out Imam-ul-Haq, reducing Pakistan to 47/2.

Saud Shakeel (62 off 76) and Mohammad Rizwan (46 off 77) steadied the innings with a 104-run stand, but their slow approach left Pakistan struggling to accelerate. Kuldeep Yadav (3/40) led India's spin attack, dismantling the lower order with support from Jadeja and Harshit Rana. Khushdil Shah's late cameo of 38 off 39 helped Pakistan cross the 240-run mark.

With this victory, India strengthened their position in the group standings, while Pakistan will need to regroup quickly to stay in contention for the semifinals. **India will next face New Zealand on Mar. 2 at the Dubai International Stadium.**

CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025 - PAKISTAN

TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 24

New Zealand Vs **Bangladesh**
Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi - **2.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH FEB. 25

Australia Vs **South Africa**
Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi - **2.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Pakistan 241 all out (49.4 overs) lost to **India** 244/4 (42.3 overs)

Live action on:
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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 24

RCB Vs **UP Warriorz**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH FEB. 25

DC Vs **Gujarat Giants**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

Live action on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

Asian U-14 Tennis Tournament

Padmapriya-Diya pair triumphs

Ahmedabad, Feb. 24 - India's Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar and Diya Ravikumar won the girls doubles title in the Asian U-14 Tennis Tournament, held here recently.

In an all-India final, Mysuru girl Padmapriya and Diya, the top seeds, carried far too many guns for the second-seeded pair of Mariya Patel and Aaradhana Tehlan, winning 6-3, 6-3. Earlier, the top seeds survived a scare in the semifinals, scoring a come-from-behind 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 10-7 win over the pair of Sahej Lakhat (USA) and Krishika Gautam (India).

Padmapriya** (right) **and Diya posing with their trophies and certificates.

In singles action, 12-year-old Padmapriya, who won a splendid double at the Asian Junior event in Bengaluru two months ago, fell 2-6, 4-6 in the pre-quarters to Sarena Gahlot. India's Khushi Kadian won the singles title with a straightforward 6-4, 6-3 win over Sarena.

RESULTS

Doubles: Final: Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar / Diya Ravikumar (Ind) bt Aaradhana Tehlan/ Mariya Patel (Ind) 6-3, 6-3.

Semi Final: Padmapriya/ Diya bt Sahej Lakhat (US)/ Krishika Gautam (Ind) 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 10-7.

JoJo CC wins Gopalaswamy Memorial Tourney

JoJo Cricket Club players seen with Arjun Ranga, Owner, JoJo Cricket Club and Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 - City's JoJo Cricket Club, owned by NR Group, emerged victorious in the M. Gopalaswamy Memorial Cricket Tournament organised by Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) for the cricket clubs under Mysuru Zone, here recently.

Having won the toss and elected to bowl first, JoJo Cricket Club restricted Jawahar Sports Club to 240 all out in 50 overs. Lankesh picked up two wickets for JoJo CC. Chasing 241, JoJo Cricket Club reached the target with four overs to spare losing six wickets. Captain Gautam Sagar played a crucial role, scoring an unbeaten 104 runs to lead his team to victory.

WORD OF THE DAY

Tousle

Pronunciation: TOW-zul (Verb)
Meaning: To tousle something is to dishevel it—that is, to make it untidy or unkempt. Tousle is usually, though not always, used specifically when a person's hair is being so treated.
Origin: The verb tousle today is typically used for the action of mussing someone's hair playfully ("tousling the toddler's hair") or fussily ("tousling her tresses for that just-woke-up look"), but the word's history is a bit edgier. Tousle and its synonym touse come from -tousen ("to pull or handle roughly"), a frequentative of the Middle English verb touselen. (A frequentative indicates repeated or recurrent action; sniffle, for example, is a frequentative of sniff.) Both tousle and touse have older meanings having to do with rough handling in general; before hair was tousled, people were — ouch. It's no coincidence that another frequentative of -tousen, the Scots word tussillen, is the ancestor of the English verb tussle, meaning "to scuffle" or "to fight or struggle with someone by grabbing or pushing."
Example: "One of her hands tousled her long hair, which she wore down, and the other hand hovered in front of her skirt as she hooked a thumb in its waistband. She paired the fashion set with a choker necklace and dangling hoop earrings." — Meghan Roos, Parade, 21 Mar. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Siderodromophobia

Fear of trains.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

No Spring Chicken

Meaning: The phrase 'No Spring Chicken' is usually used in a negative way to describe someone who is no longer young, probably past his young adulthood, and sometimes doesn't realise it and tries to look and act younger than his age.
Origin: The origin of the phrase actually comes from its literal meaning. In the early 1700s, Farmers found that chickens born in the spring brought better prices than 'old' ones that had gone through the winter. When farmers tried to sell the old birds as 'new spring born', buyers complained that they were 'no spring chicken'. The first recorded use of the phrase in its figurative meaning was in 1906.
Example: "I don't know how old Mike is, but obviously he is no spring chicken."

QUOTE BOX

If you can't describe what you are doing as a process, you don't know what you're doing. **—W. Edwards Deming**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DIFFE RENCE

Answer: Split the difference.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 French for 'who'
4 Ireland's ___ Lingus
7 Loutish dolt
10 In short, the Yankee country?
11 Small drop of liquid, bubble
13 Apparel
14 Person who appreciates beauty
16 Persia today
17 Tributes
19 Retired from duty with honor
21 Period of history
24 12th month of the Jewish calendar
25 Made laws
27 Majorcan resort
29 Star Trek lieutenant
30 Smallest of the Great Lakes
33 Type of mild Dutch cheese
34 Star Wars, initially
35 Not yet defeated
38 Feeler for an insect or for your TV Set
39 Ogle
42 Numerals such as first, second, third, etc
46 Fill a suitcase
47 Wordsworth work?
48 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
49 Standing Room Only, abbr.
50 Natl Def Acad.
51 Get rid of

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	U	V			B	S	P		R	H	E	A
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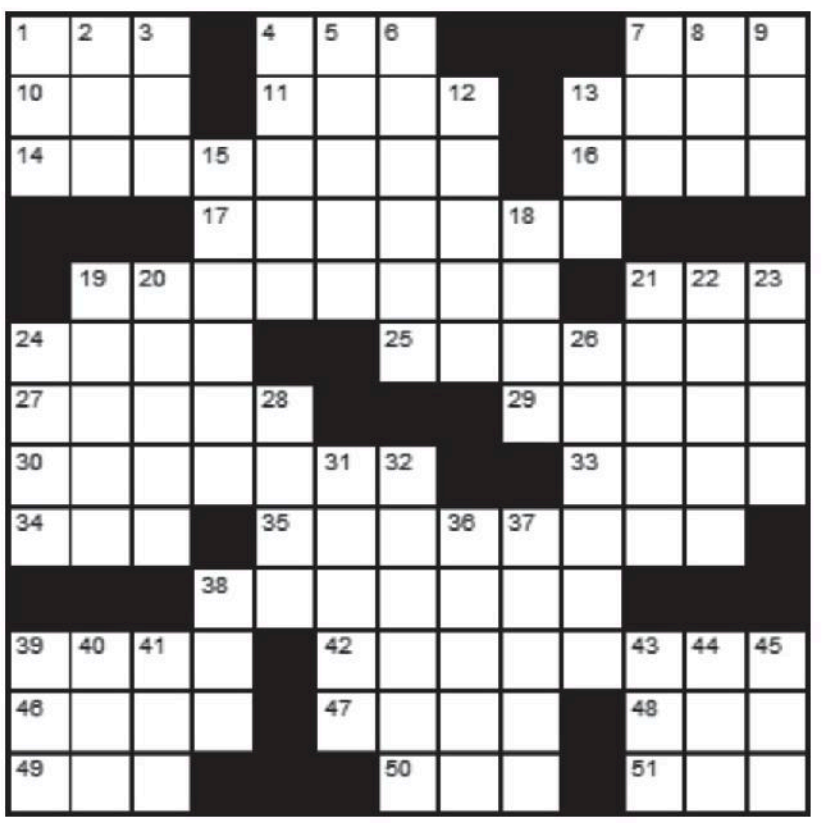
DOWN
1 As being (Latin)
2 Utilise
3 Ind. Admin. Ser.
4 Detest
5 Tropical resin
6 Move round and round
7 Boat propeller
8 Constellation next to Scorpius
9 Fly-by-night
12 Started
13 US soldiers
15 "Hamlet" changed for the girl ?
18 Jacob's brother
19 Antelope from the dark continent
20 Combining form denoting much, or many
21 Musical piece
22 Showed the movie or play again, in a way? (2-3)
23 Eve's hubby
24 Grandiose poetry - "pose" anagram?
26 Mr. Chauhan of Indian cricket
28 "Runa" changes into a local lad?
31 __ ___ gear : in first class condition, in a way? (2,3)
32 Fairy king
36 Over and done with
37 Soul
38 Noah's ship
39 Vinyl
40 A facial feature
41 Prefix meaning "nature"
43 Slim battery type
44 Slack or loose
45 A female person



SUDOKU

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		4				5		
	5		9			3		
	1	9	3		7		4	6
				1				
4					9			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	2	1	6	9	5	3	7
6	5	1	8	3	7	2	4	9
9	3	7	5	2	4	6	1	8
5	2	4	7	1	8	3	9	6
7	9	6	4	5	3	1	8	2
3	1	8	2	9	6	7	5	4
2	6	5	9	4	1	8	7	3
8	4	3	6	7	5	9	2	1
1	7	9	3	8	2	4	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XZYM HWT ZELY RSWVYM UZY XWFG, JU FYJKMR WLYF

HWT. XZYM JU JR TMRSWVYM, HWT FYJKM WLYF JU.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: For the skeptic there remains only one consolation: if there should be such a thing as superhuman law it is administered with subhuman inefficiency.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Chhaava (H) - 5 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Nanagu Love Aagidhe (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Dragon (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Max (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Thandel (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Daaku Maharaaj (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta) - 4 Shows
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DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Chhaava (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Nilavuku En Mel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddhi (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Eddelu Manjunatha - 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Nangu Love Agidhe (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.15 pm
Navami (K)	(S-4)	11.05 am
Olavina Payana (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.15 pm

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Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	11 am
Bromance (Ma)	:	12.30 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	3.25 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Captain America (E-3D)	:	4 pm
Nanagu Love Aagidhe (K)	:	4.30 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	6.40 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.10 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
The Wild Robot (E-2D)	:	9.55 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Chhaava (H)	:	8.40 am, 9.05 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm 10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Forest (K)	:	3.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Eddelu Manjunatha 2 (K)	:	7.05 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm, 3.20 pm 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 7.10 pm 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	11 am, 4.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	1.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	4.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	11.30 am
Dragon (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	2.20 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	5.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.20 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Lions Club of Mysore Cherish inaugurated

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Lions Club of Mysore Cherish with 35 Charter Members was formally inaugurated on Feb. 20.

The new Club was sponsored by Lions Club of Mysore Classic. The sponsoring Club President Lion Arun Mandal presided over the function.

District Governor of District 317G Lion N. Subramanya inaugurated the Club by presenting the Charter and Charter Member certificates.

Lion N. Subramanya also presented the International Presidential Medal to Lion Arun Mandal in recognition of his exemplary contribution to the organisation towards growth.

Multiple Council Chairperson Lion Dr. N. Krishnegowda installed the new team of office-bearers. Past District Governor Lion G.A. Ramesh inducted the new Charter Members. Cabinet Advisor PDG Lion K. Devegowda was the guest of honour.

The new Club commenced its journey in a novel way by contributing Rs. 10,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The following Lions were installed to their respective offices of the new Club:

President - Y.M. Kiran, Secretary - M.C. Prakash, Treasurer - Jude Praveen, Club Administrator - Maria Jyothi Dmello, 1st Vice-President - Sunil Haldankar, 2nd Vice-President - Mohammed Nasir, Membership Chairperson - G. Mudaraj Urs, Leadership Chairperson - B. Vaibhav, Service Chairperson - R. Jaganmohan and Marketing Chairperson - Vinay Amruth.

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EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 24)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 25)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **St. Joseph's First Grade College (A unit of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society — MDES), Jayalakshmipuram:** Valedictory Ceremony of JO-FEST - 2025, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore and President, MDES, presides, Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General, Diocese of Mysore and Vice-President, MDES, Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, Secretary, MDES and Rev. Fr. A. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, will be present, A.H. Sagar, International Educationist, Philosopher & National Sports Person, chief guest, Aishwarya Rangarajan, Playback Singer, celebrity guest, Seby Mavely, CEO, Training and Development, MDES, esteemed presence, H.N. Chandrashekara, Principal and R. Shilpa, Vice-Principal will be present, St. Joseph's School (CBSE) Ground, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**

Special Music and Dance Exams

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Online applications have been invited from eligible candidates of Karnataka for Special Music (Karnatak/ Hindustani), Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, Instrumental Music (Karnatak/ Hindustani), Junior, Senior and Vidwat Exams conducted in April-May 2025 at KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru.

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If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections or may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/ Disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable Agricultural Land bearing Survey No. 606/10 measuring 0 acres 24 guntas, situated at Naganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District bounded on : East : Road, West : By Sy.No.586, North : By Sy.No.586, South : By Sy No.606/6.

SRI.R.SURESH KUMAR

Advocate, Office: No.1070/1, Ground Floor, Near Old Courts, Jayalakshmi Vilas Road, Opp. to Zilla Panchayat Mysuru, Chamaraja Puram, Mysuru. Mobile No.: 7676305656.

Date : 23.02.2025, Place : Mysore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the notice schedule property from its owner Mr. Amogh R.V, S/o Mr. R.S. Vishwanath, aged about 33 years, residing at Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

The above referred Mr. Amogh. R.V, is the absolute owner in possession of the Notice schedule property and is having valid and marketable title over the same and the same is free from encumbrance. In that view of the matter, hereby given this Notice to the Public that, if any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest or any objection/s and/or opposing the sale transaction in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her/their objections/s with relevant documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that no other person/s has got any right over the schedule property and our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction thinking that it is free from encumbrances.

SCHEDULE : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable MUDA Property bearing Site No. 1313, situated at 3rd Stage, Devanur Extension, (Rajiv Nagar), N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru measuring East to West 15.00 Mtrs and North to South 24.00 Mtrs. in all measuring 360.00 Sq Mtrs and bounded on:- EAST BY: property bearing no. 1314, WEST BY : property bearing no. 1312 ,NORTH BY : property bearing no. 1302 , SOUTH BY : 9 mtrs road

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Sd/- (P.T. Ponnappa) Advocate,
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